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SUBJ: GOE REACTION TO FALL OF TAL AL-ZA'ATAR

1. OFFICIAL GOE REACTION TO FALL OF TAL AL-ZA'ATAR RELEASED
AUGUST 13. SYRIAN BA'ATH BLAMED FOR TRAGEDY. BA'ATH,
WITH ITS "ISOLATIONIST ALLIES" AND ITS "ISRAELI ARMS",
SEEKS SOW DISSENSION THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD. MASK HAS
FALLEN: BA'ATHI TRAITORS ARE "ISRAELI STOOGES" WHO
SOUGHT AT TA AL-ZA'ATAR TO DISGUISE INABILITY FACE
ISRAELIS AND GET GOLAN BACK. EGYPT PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT
FOR PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND PAYS HOMAGE TO MARTYRS
OF TA AL-ZA'ATAR; THEY FELL IN UXNEQUAL BATTLE, "VICTIMS
OF ISREELI ARMS IN HANDS OF ISOLATIONISTS, AGENTS OF
IMPERIALISM, AND BETRAYERS OF THE ARABS."

COMMENT: SOME OFFICIAL REACTION WAS EXPECTED OF GOE
AND ABOVE IS PREDICTABLE PRODUCT OF EGYPTIAN EFFORT
PLACE BLAME ON SARG, REITERATE SUPPORT FOR PLO, AND
EXPRESS EGYPTIAN PUBLIC'S GENUINE HORROR AT TA AL-
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ZA'ATAR AFFAIR. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT ALLEGED U.S.

INTERMEDIARY ROLE IS NOT MENTIONED IN OFFICIAL
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